

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A height adjustable armrest assembly for a chair, comprising: a support unit including a lower part defining a lower chamber, and an upper part that defines an upper chamber therein, that is movable relative to said lower part, and that has an abutting member disposed within said upper chamber and subdividing said upper chamber into an upper portion and a lower portion;

an armrest mounted on said upper part so as to be movable together therewith; a cylinder-and-piston unit including a cylinder that extends into said lower portion of said upper chamber to abut against said abutting member and that has opposite upper and lower ends, a piston mounted securely in said lower chamber and telescopically extending into said lower end of said cylinder, and a locking member including a spring-biased button projecting upwardly from said upper end of said cylinder, extending through said abutting member and into said upper portion of said upper chamber and pressible to move between a locked position, in which, said cylinder is locked by said locking member against axial movement relative to said piston, and an unlocked position, in which, said cylinder is released by said locking member so as to be axially movable relative to said piston; and

a control knob mounted movably on said upper part of said support unit, engaging said button, and operable so as to move said button from said locked position to said unlocked position said upper chamber and that is formed with a knob-retention slot which is in spatial communication with said upper portion of said upper chamber and which receives said control knob therein, said cylinder-and-piston assembly further including a lever-holding seat disposed within said upper portion of said upper chamber in said upper part and having a bottom portion that is seated on said abutting member and that is formed a bottom hole to permit extension of said button therethrough, and two parallel portions extending from two opposite sides of said bottom portion, and an actuating lever pivoted to said parallel portions of said lever-holding seat and having opposite ends respectively in contact with said button and said control knob in such a

manner that movement of said control knob to an upper position along said knob-retention slot results in turning of said actuating lever in a first direction, which, in turn, forces said button to said unlocked position, and that movement of said control knob to a lower position along said slot results in turning said actuating lever in a second direction opposite to said first direction and restoring of said button to said locked position;

said upper chamber and that is formed with a knob-retention slot which is in spatial communication with said upper portion of said upper chamber and which receives said control knob therein,

said cylinder-and-piston unit further including a lever-holding seat disposed within said upper portion of said upper chamber in said upper part and having a bottom portion that is seated on said abutting member and that is formed with a bottom hole to permit extension of said button therethrough, and two parallel portions extending from two opposite sides of said bottom portion, and

an actuating lever pivoted to said parallel portions of said lever-holding seat and having opposite ends respectively in contact with said button and said control knob in such a manner that movement of said control knob to an upper position along said knob-retention slot results in turning of said actuating lever in a first direction, which, in turn, forces said button to said unlocked position, and that movement of said control knob to a lower position along said knob-retention slot results in turning said actuating lever in a second direction opposite to said first direction and restoring of said button to said locked position.

2. (Original) The height adjustable armrest assembly as defined in Claim 1, wherein said cylinder-and-piston assembly is pneumatically operated.

3. (Canceled)

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING(S)

Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended. The attached sheets of formal drawings replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 2.